February 8, 1889 September 30, 1985

Obsequies

OF THE LATE

BISHOP WILLIAM E. TURNER

(Retired) Jurisdictional Bishop
EASTERN MISSOURI — FIRST JURISDICTION
Church of God In Christ

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1985
7:30 P.M.

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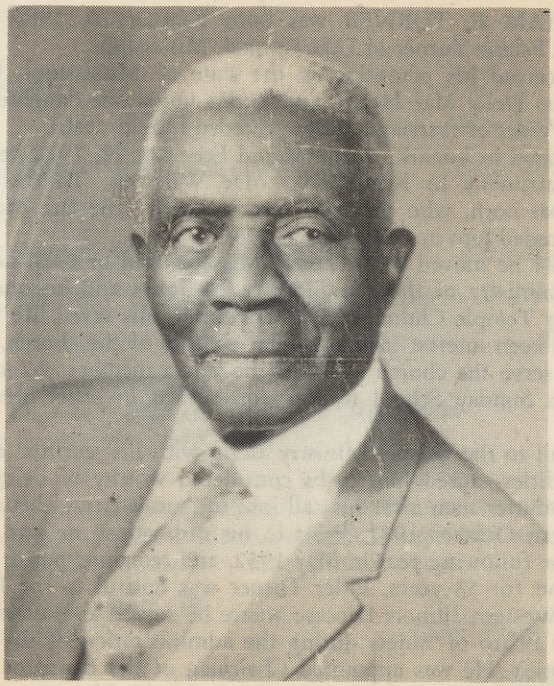
San Francisco Temple Complex Church of God In Christ
10191 Halls Ferry Road
St. Louis, Missouri

THE MOST REVEREND J. O. PATTERSON
Officiating



BISHOP WILLIAM E. TURNER

OBITUARY

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying. Neither shall there be any pain." Rev. 24:4

WILLIAM E. TURNER was born February 8, 1889 to the late Samuel and Febbie Turner in Lake Carmel, Mississippi.

He received his education in the state of Mississippi. In 1905 he married Miss Della Mae Heard, and to this union one daughter was born. After three years of marriage, Della preceded him in death.

He moved to Lonark, Arkansas and February 22, 1922 he was united in holy matrimony to Miss Bessie Mae Williams. To this union one daughter was born, who preceded him in death. The late Mother Bessie Turner preceded him in death March 1984.

In 1924 he moved to St. Louis, Missouri and in 1926 he was saved under the ministry of the late Elder S. H. Jones and became a member of Kennerly Temple Church of God In Christ. His saved life immediately exhibited a keen interest in the general welfare of the church, and a willingness to serve the church of which he was a member. As a layman, he served as a Sunday School teacher and served in other areas wherever needed.

His call to the Gospel Ministry along with his spiritual and intellectual capabilities caused him to be considered worthy of being appointed to pastoral duties soon after his call into the ministry and his appointment took place in October 1931. Prior to his ordination, he was ordained as an Elder the following year in May 1932, and remained pastor of the same congregation for 53 years. Elder Turner was dutiful to the Eastern Missouri and Western Illinois Diocese where he served as the assistant secretary of the Boaro of Elders during the administration of the late Bishop Daniel Bostick. He was appointed Chairman of the Board of Elders during the administration of the late Bishop M. H. Norman and later appointed by the late Bishop M. H. Norman as his Assistant Bishop.

At the demise of the late Bishop M. H. Norman, he was elevated and Consecrated to the Bishopric in May 1969, at which time, our International Presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson placed him at the highest Ecclesiastical position in our jurisdiction and vested in him the authority to govern the spiritual and general welfare of the Church of God In Christ of Eastern Missouri and Western Illinois Jurisdiction One. He served faithfully until his health failed. In September 1984 he felt the need to resign as pastor of National Memorial Church of God In Christ and later he resigned as Bishop of Eastern Missouri — First Jurisdiction. He prayed that the Lord would continue to bless the church and state work.

He leaves to mourn hisr passing a loving daughter, Mrs. Willie Mae Robinzine of Chicago, Illinois; six grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, 14 great-great-grandchildren, two children he raised as his own, a loving son, David Whitefield and a devoted daughter, Evelyn Robinzine, both of St. Louis, Missouri; one brother-in-law, who was so devoted, Reverend James Parker Williams, formerly of Denver, Colorado, and a host of church children, relatives and friends to cherish his memory.

ORDER OF SERVICE

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PROCESSIONAL ..... Choirs

PRAYER ..... Elder James Wright

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING ..... Elder James Barbee

SONG ..... State Choir

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING ..... Elder Eugene Jones

RESOLUTIONS ..... National Memorial Church of God In Christ

SONG ..... State Choir

REMARKS (Limit to 3 minutes)
Mother Theresa Bolden and Women's Department
Visiting Supervisors and Others

REMARKS
Representing All Superintendents — Supt. Nathaniel Smith
Representing Pastors and Elders — Elder Dwight McDaniels
Representing Departments — Elder Melvin Moore

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONDOLENCES ..... Elder Frank McDonald

REMARKS ..... Visiting Bishops

SELECTION ..... State Choir

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDING BISHOP

INTRODUCTION OF THE PRESIDING BISHOP ..... Bishop Louis Henry Ford

SERMONIC SOLO

OBITUARY (Read Silently)

EULOGY ..... The Most Reverend J. O. Patterson
Presiding Bishop, Church of God In Christ, Inc.
World Headquarters, Memphis, TN

SONG

PARTING VIEW

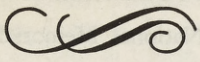
RECESSIONAL

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

SUPT. NATHANIEL SMITH
SUPT. GUS MARTIN
SUPT. FREDDIE THOMPSON
SUPT. JOE BRUNNER
SUPT. W. B. LAIRD
SUPT. WILLIAM BIRD
SUPT. J. C. CAMPBELL
ELDER CHARLES RUNNELLS

FLOWER BEARERS

DISTRICT MISSIONARIES AND STATE WORKERS



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Thank you for each act of kindness, prayer, food, cards, visits and constant concern. The family asks God's blessings on the wonderful people of this city, the churches and all who helped during our time of sickness and sorrow.

ENTOMBMENT AT WASHINGTON PARK CEMETERY
October 7, 1985 — Time will be announced

Final Arrangements Entrusted to:
WADE FUNERAL HOME